



NHS Vocal Students participated at Regional Solos/Small Ensembles on Saturday, March 29, in Independence. Those receiving a 1 rating will participate at State Solos/Small Ensembles the last of April. Ensembles earning a 1 rating are BlueTunes, Crescendudes, and BlueVelvet. Vocal solos earning a 1 rating are Abbey White, Haylee Lyon, Logan Vail (not pictured), Jayde McCoy, Kaidan Cuppy, Natalie Goodwin. Instrumental soloists earning a I rating were Abbey White, clarinet and Kate West, flute. - Photo by Rob Morgan

USD 461 Board of Education Regular Meeting

7:00 p.m., Monday, April 14, 2025

Board of Education Office, 522 Wisconsin, Neodesha, KS
A Zoom link to the meeting will be on the district website.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Consent Agenda
- III. Treasurer's Report
- IV. Communications
 - A. Challenge Award – Heller Elementary School
- V. Reports
 - A. KESA Action Plan
 - B. Master Teacher Conference – Heather Newkirk
 - C. Valon Jones – Senior Spotlight
 - D. Tri-County Special Education Report
 - E. NEF Report
 - F. Principals' Reports
 - G. FFA Report
 - H. Calendar Committee – Kelly Bradford and Jeff Piatt
- VI. Trip Request
 - A. Senior Trip
- VII. Business
 - A. Approve Open Enrollment Capacity
 - B. Approve Summer adult meal prices: breakfast increase 25 cents - \$3.25; lunch increase 25 cents - \$5.50
 - C. Approve 2025-2026 school year meal prices: adult breakfast - \$3.25 and adult lunch - \$5.50
 - D. Approve Renewal of KASB membership with Season Pass for 2025-2026
 - E. Approve Renewal of KASB Legal Assistance Fund Contract for 2025-2026
 - F. Approve Soybean Grant of \$383.40 by Crissie Babcock
 - G. Approve proposal from Zach Long to purchase red 2003 Chevrolet truck
- VIII. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Staffing Update
 - B. Teacher Appreciation Week – May 5th – 9th
 - C. KDHE Grant Update
 - D. Gifted Education Expo – May 7th 3:00 – 5:00
 - E. All N - Vertical Alignment – April 2nd
- IX. Miscellaneous Items
 - A. Bond Survey from DCS Services
 - B. School board elections
 - C. KASB Annual Convention November 14-16, 2025.
 - D. Retirement reception May 8th at 3:30
 - E. Graduation May 10th at 2:00
- X. Executive session
- XI. Executive session
- XII. Adjournment

Governor Kelly Signs Bipartisan Bills to Increase Government Efficiency

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly signed on Thursday a collection of bipartisan bills aimed at increasing government efficiency. These seven technical bills eliminate unnecessary requirements, clarify definitions, and streamline processes with the goal of achieving maximum government productivity.

"I am always looking for ways to make our government more efficient for the people of Kansas," Governor Laura Kelly said. "I'm pleased to sign bills into law that do just that."

Governor Kelly signed the following bipartisan bills:

Senate Bill 104: Provides flexibility to the Shawnee County board of county commissioners to create a citizens commission on local government, giving local officials the discretion to create such a commission.

Senate Bill 77: Streamlines processes by removing state agencies that no longer exist from Kansas Administrative Regulations and establishing standards for public notice for the repeal of certain regulations.

Senate Bill 13: Reduces requirements for filings, registrations, and licenses certain businesses and organizations must submit to the secretary of state.

House Bill 2222: Requires ignition interlock device manufacturers to compensate the state for the administration of the ignition interlock program.

House Bill 2221: Transfers the alcohol and drug abuse treatment fund from the Department of Corrections to the Department for Aging and Disability Services, allowing for more efficient administration of the program and easier access to services for Kansans.

House Bill 2215: Modifies the definition of public-private partnership to increase the allowable cost-share for certain Department of Corrections projects, providing the ability for the Career Campus project to move forward.

House Bill 2110: Facilitates the State 911 Board's transition to a state agency by establishing necessary budget funds and providing flexibility to ensure the agency can provide sufficient grant funding to public safety partners.

Museum Minute

The Neodesha Historical Museum is scheduled to open April 18 for the year.

The museum will be open on Fridays from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. and Saturdays from 9 A.M. to 12 P.M.

Come visit and see what's new.

HMAC Spring Tea slated for Sunday, April 27

The Independence Historical Museum and Art Center's "Spring Tea" is slated for Sunday, April 27 starting at 1:30 pm. This yearly event is very popular and tickets are limited. Tickets are \$25 per person and all seats are reserved.

"This event started in 2010 as a nod to a bygone era and as a special afternoon of fun and socializing," said Patti Snyder, event chairperson. "This year's theme is 'Spring Flowers' so there is sure to be a glorious array of floral fantasies to delight the eye."

Each table is decorated with the table hostess's preference, with participants bringing their own tableware and décor. The museum will furnish tablecloths and help with décor if needed. Each table is unique and a prize is given to the most popular design.

The menu includes tea provided by Magnolia Scents by Design. The tea is brewed on-site and served by members of the Chamber's First Leadership class. The menu also includes a variety

of canapes, fancy desserts and sandwiches, pastries and sweets. Members of Beta Sigma Phi sorority help with preparation and serving.

Val DeFever will serve as master of ceremonies and entertainment will be provided by members of the ICC orchestra. A silent auction of items donated by museum members and local merchants is also on the agenda. "The auction helps us raise funds for museum projects throughout the year," Snyder added. "The auction items are varied and could include anything from musical instruments, services, or unique gift baskets."

Seating is reserved and participants do not have to decorate a table to participate. Tickets may be purchased by calling the IHMAC office at 331-3515. Payment should be received by April 18. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted. IHMAC hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

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Retail & Entertainment

With the establishment of the new Main Street 'District,' residents will have access to a large variety of unique products and experiences. Examples of new businesses include the Brown Boarding House and Super Club, Neodesha Furniture Mart, and Spellbreaker cocktail bar.



Public Safety

Neodesha's police and fire department, along with full-time EMS teams staffed by top professionals, ensure a safe and secure community. as a result, the town boasts an ISO rating of 4, translating to lower insurance costs for homes and businesses



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New Arrival Beautiful Abalone Sterling Pendant

Closing dates:

April 11th
Closing at 3:30 to attend an evening bridal shower for my sister in-laws sister

May 10th
Closing all day to attend nephew Isaac's graduation



Hours

Wednesday-Friday 9-5:30
Saturday 9-4:00